

**TOPIC:** Draft Blue Ribbon Report – working copy

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**I. SUMMARY:** Preliminary working document composed of a narrative and recommendations based on discussions and comments from Blue Ribbon Panel meetings held from November 2004 - May 2005. Recommendations reflect discussions with regional advisory committees and as part of discussions with builders, economists, housing activists, and local government officials. All portions are the draft are open to review, editing, and elimination.

Central to the report will be topics that have already been discussed and endorsed by the panel, although specific action on implementation has not yet been taken:

1. Panel directives on statewide needs assessments
2. Online database for housing data and funding information

**II. BACKGROUND:** When convened in November 2004, the Colorado Blue Ribbon Panel on Housing planned on releasing a report in November 2005 to the State Housing Board and the General Assembly. Since November 2004, the panel has met with the Colorado State Demographer, Bill Kendall of the Center for Business and Economic Forecasting, Dan Guimond of Economic and Planning Systems, Inc., Jacky Morales-Ferrand of the City of Denver, John Pollak of the City of Boulder, Steve Klausing of KB Homes, and the housing advisory committees from Grand Junction, The Rural Resort Region, Northern Colorado, and Eastern Colorado.

Through these discussions, members and presenters have made a number of comments and recommendations that may be helpful in formulating the Panel's final recommendations. Those comments have been inserted here to help with the progress of the DRAFT report.

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